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: Upgrading Secretarial Salaries

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- case (wants I am not now actively investigating the her job reclassified) because of your study which has gone to the Management Committee. However, I am still pondering the question of how to solve the problem we face of having so many good secretaries who are unable to be promoted because of classification and ceiling difficulties.
- It occurred to me last week that one possible avenue for improved status for our secretaries, as well as a possibility for more money, would be for the Agency to recognize the certification activity known as the "Certified Professional Secretary" (CPS). The CPS is a very tough and excellent professional examination. Perhaps the Management Committee would be willing to accept the notion that if any of our secretaries, regardless who they worked for, successfully completed the CPS, they would be recognized in some remunerative manner. For example, a secretary working in a GS-07 position who successfully completed the CPS would be promoted to a GS-08 even though for the time being she might remain in a GS-07 slot. I suppose this would raise a number of administrative problems, but I don't see why they couldn't be worked out.
 - Pursuing this idea, I called The National Secretaries Association which sponsors the CPS program and was told that, indeed, the CPS examination is a very tough one and that many companies recognize the achievement through higher salaries and certainly more status. The Institute (in Kansas Čity) has sent me a batch of material which I attach for your attention. Would you please return this material when your people have had a chance to look it over. Included also in the package is the name and address of The National Secretaries Association's Director of Research and Education, who, I was told, would be very happy to provide us with their research on salaries, status levels, classifications, etc.

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cc: Inspector General

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